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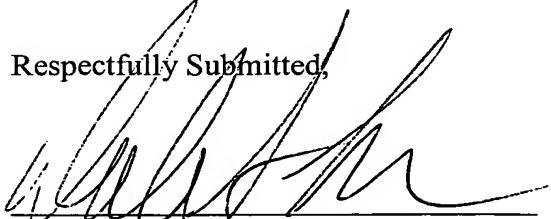
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The Japanese publication of Ikeda discloses a direct methanol fuel cell with two electrodes made up of a porous metal or carbon sandwich with an electrolyte.

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In addition, English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

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APPENDIX

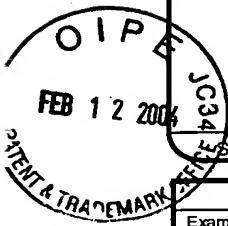
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